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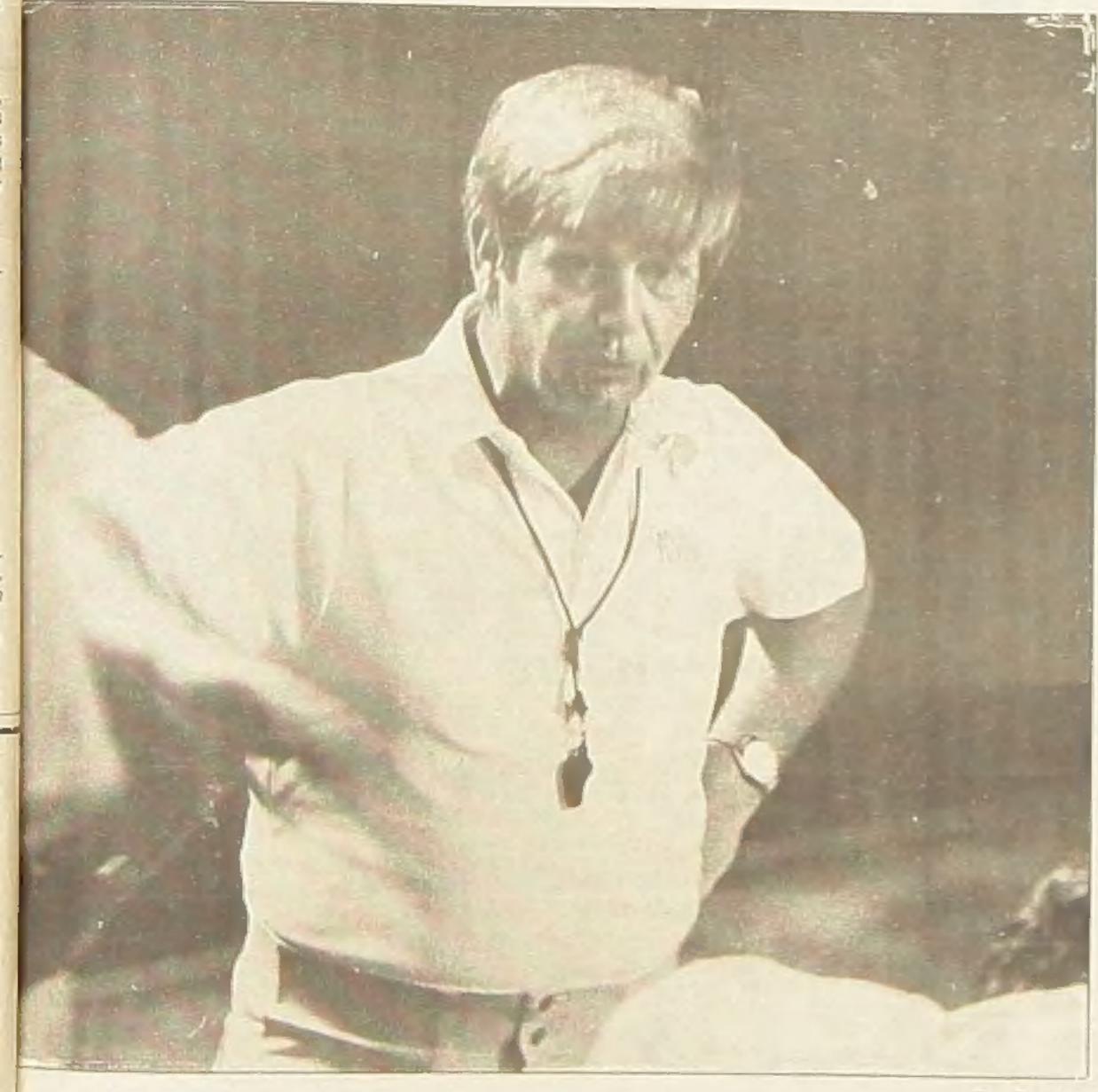
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Jim Frazier

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im Frazier, Missouri Southern's bachelor of arts degree in 1963. From id football coach, not only has there he began coaching at Kingman ong ideas on how to create a winn- (Kan.) High School. He went back to football team, but he also has Wichita State to get his masters degree in 1965. In 1966 he became the frazier feels it is imperative for defensive coordinator at Hastings College in Nebraska.

Even though his family knew what hard times were, they "never missed a meal. Hard times just don't happen they are self-created. They're from not following the guidelines - the acceptable and unacceptable guidelines."

Loyalty, as Frazier explained, was rked as m youngster all the way another key aspect to the success of his family. He said a family must be

Showing a philosophical side, he pile attending Wichita State said that "life is many seasons." He went on to explain that people set goals and as these goals are reached

they need to be re-established. His goals are nearing the point at which they may be reviewed and possibly changed for the future.

His future goals will be influenced by his two teenage sons. Kent and Kevin. Frazier said, "They are demanding of my time. We operate a lot as a family. We enjoy outdoor activities. Our hobbies are hunting, fishing, and going to the lake on the weekends." He said that because their summers were short they vacationed during the winter.

Not only do his sons play an important role in influencing his goals, Frazier's two living grandmothers add to his feelings of responsibilities.

"I have a responsibility to them. They are at the age where we need to be around," he said.

Frazier establishes tradition

Jim Frazier, only the third heac football coach in Missouri Southerr history, enters his 13th season having established a solid winning tradition for the Lions.

Frazier, who has a career coaching record of 76-43-6 at Southern, guided the Lions to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II National Championship in 1972 his second year in Joplin. Frazier, a former linebacker at Wichita State University, was named the NAIA Coach of the Year that season.

Frazier's philosophy behind the suc cess of the 1972 team dealt with "the mood of the day. They were hungry All they needed was someone to get them over the hump. It is tougher for me today than it was in 1972." he said

After a rebuilding year in 1973, the Lions posted a cumulative 21-8-1 record from 1974-76. Southern was co champion of the Central States Inter collegiate Conference in 1976, the inaugural season for the league. The CSIC, which consists of eight teams from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, is now considered one of the top small college athletic conferences in the na-

"The '75 football team had great potential," said Fraizer. "1976 was a great team but politically were kept out of the playoffs."

He explained that they faced "lean" times because the recruiting was not good. "Poor recruiting doesn't catch up for two or three years."

After mediocre symmum from 1977-79, the Lions have rebounded during the last three years to post an overall 20-8-3 mark. Frazier shared CSIC Coach of the Year honors in 1982.

Throughout Southern's footbell history there have been four players named to the NAIA All-American team: Terron Jackson, offensive tackle, 1972; Willie Williams, offensive guard, 1976; Gary Embry, offensive tackle, 1978; and Joel Tupper, center, 1982.

Even though Frazier feels that the All-American selection is "polictical to too much of a degree," he agrees that there have been some outstanding players. "We're not in the business to make All-Americans. It is to get them educated and prepared for bigger and better things."

There have also been six men named to the honorable mention All-American team: Jack Duda, Barry Korner, and Jack Varnes, 1972; Larry Barnes, 1976; Kelly Saxton and Ton Fisher, 1980.

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(Left) Head coach Jim Frazier and recruiting coordinator Dave Evans meet the Lions' offensive unit after a series of plays in last week's scrimmage in Coffeyville, Kan. (Below) Defensive back Glenn Baker will serve as Southern's holder an extra-point and field goal attempts this season

CSIC title hopes to center around veteran nucleus

Missouri Southern's 1983 football the basis of their experience. Skaggs inns may just have the "stuff" that ampions are made of. The coaching aff is counting us veteran players as e formula for that success.

With 12 returning seniors and seven arters on defense the team effort and me experience could jell into a Cenal States Intercollegiate Conference ampionship.

Some of the summer to watch this ar include Greg Brown, a 6-foot-5, 5-pound offensive tackle from Kenore, N.Y. Brown stressed that his aim concern this year will be as "win otball games" for the Lions.

Bruce Long, a wide receiver from ansas City, believes that "this could the year we go all the way to the ayoffs." He says "experience is gog to be the key to our success."

Steve Sater, from nearby Mount ernon, begins his third season with le Lions at defensive halfback. He lys "the team seems to be very dicated" and "the two-a-day prachave been very positive."

Aaron Usher, a 6-0, 224-pound seguard from Wichita, predicts low-scoring games for our ponents." He feels the three lughest games will come from ichita State University, Kearney late, and rival Pittsburg State hiversity.

Richard Skaggs, a 6-6, 230-pound fensive tackle from O'Fallon, Mo., els the Lions will play as a team on

predicts a possible conference thampionship and playoff berth for Southern.

The goals for Billy Jack Smith, a 6-5, 290-pound offensive tackle from Poteau, Okla., are to win the minference title and reach the playoffs.

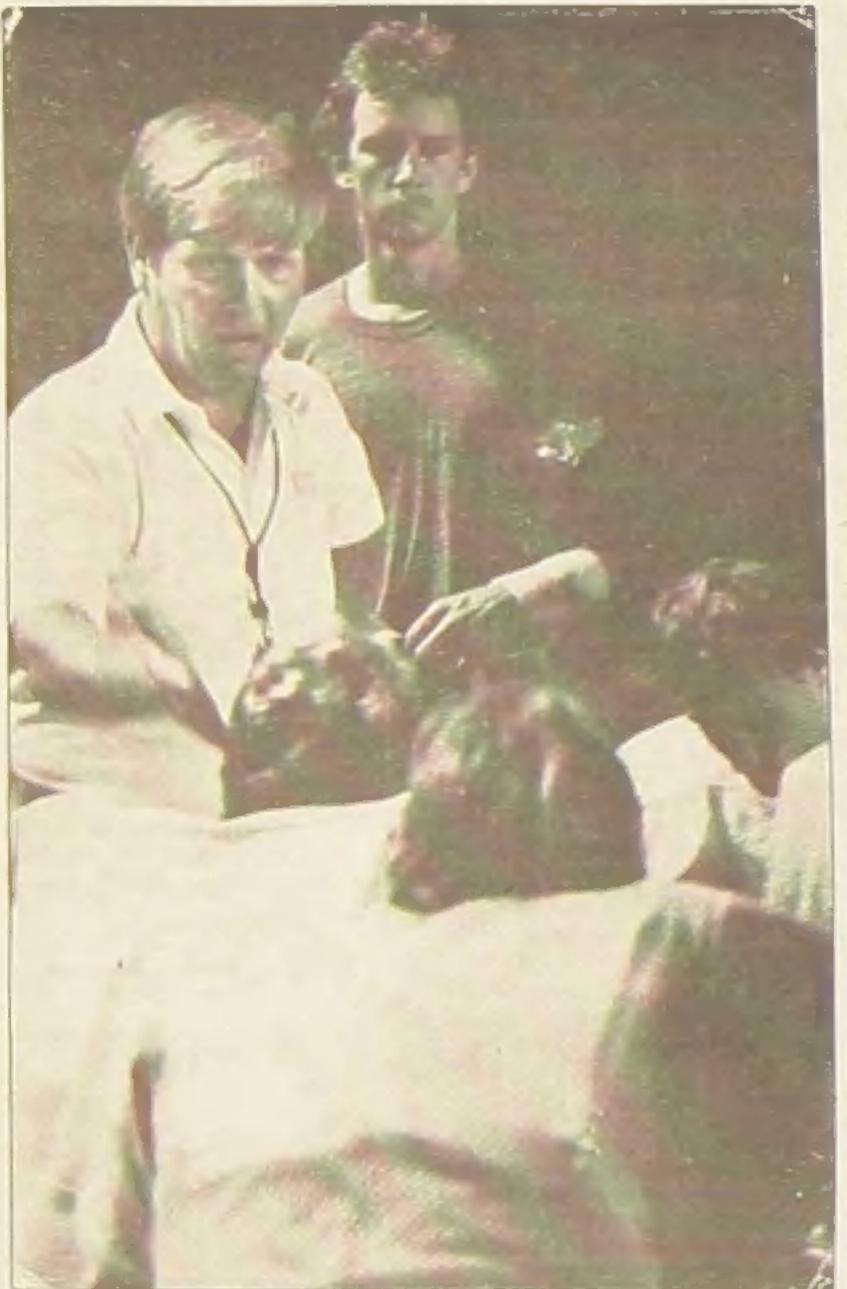
Herold Noirfalise, a 6-2, 220-pound junior from Houston, Mo., is the CSIC's premier running back. Noirfalise already has over 2,000 yards rushing in his unross with the Lions and figures to become Southern's alltime leading ground gainer sometime next season.

Glenn Baker, a senior safety from Mascoutah, Ill., started every game for the Lions last spason. He was named to the all-CSIC first team.

Alan Dunaway, a senior safety from Carl Junction, led the Lions in interceptions in 1982 and is looking forward to having an even better year in 1983. A team leader and hard-hitting tackler, Dunaway is one of the keys to the Southern defense.

These are but a few of the outstanding athletes on this year's squad. Those who will emerge as standouts this year remain to be seen. What this season holds has yet to be determined. but if size, depth, experience, and a good positive attitude have any bearing, then this could be the year the Missouri Southern Lions emerge as the CSIC champions.





Coach lectures to the offensive unit as probable starting quarterback Jeff Kilbane listens.

Missouri Southern Lions

1983 Football Schedule

9/3	Wichita State University	There	7:30
9/10	Central Missouri State	Here	7:30
9/17	Evangel College	There	1:30
9/24	Northwest Oklahoma State	Here	7:30
*10/1	Pittsburg State University	There	7:30
*10/8	Emporia State University	Here	7:30
*10/15	Kearney State University	There	1:30
*10/22	Mo. Western-Homecoming	Here	1:30
*10/29	Fort Hays State University	Here	1:30
*11/5	Wayne State University	There	1:30
*11/12	Washburn University	There	1:30

*Central State Intercollegiate Conference Game

'Challenging season lies ahead for Lions

Southern is facing a "very challenging" Routball season, explained Coach Jim Frazier, head coach. "We have the chance be a very good football

The Lions' first challenge of the year is at Wichita Same University on Saturday.

"I just want us to play the best game that we see play," said Frazier. This game is good for MSSC and the players. I'm excited about it. It gives players the chause to les their wings with a Division I limit. There is an eggs factor involved - it makes Missouri Southern and the football program a different guy on the block."

may other game in the respect that Crosson, hand freshman coach of Southern will receive \$15,000 from the Shawkers. Two years ago in the Southern since 1980. Kevin Limit Southern-Wichita State game, the Lions less 1846, but received \$15,000.

This is the type of game to make purchases to help in educating the players that our new budget does not allow for," said Frazier.

Missouri Western is another the league title. "mound." Frazier said the Griffons have personnel. "It's ame of how much is generate interest," said Fran Danssler and sell control we can get "When you understand the purpose

"The one thing I want is the hunger Southern should have won the " for victory. We haven't missed enough ference the last two years, but Twelve years ago we had the didn't have the maturity to get hunger for a successful year. It's got through an 11 or 12-game schedule to be restablished - from Lie "If we are allowed the maturity,

One thing that Frazier issis is lacking is the support of the college faculty. "Il is a carry-over from 1968 and I Frazier explained that the faculty is mit well enough informed se to what is going on.

Coverage of all the football gu will be broadcast by radio sto WMBH. Frazier sees it as "a suppe help sell Missouri Southern, not to lose money."

Frazier has six assistant costic Blod Giesselmann, defensive ma dinator, is marting his fifth year vy the Lions. Dave Evans, offensive Be and recruiting coordinator, joined to Lions in January, 1982, from Mc thwest Missouri State Universit Warren Turner, assistant coach, se charge of the offensive him. He is up the head baseball coach for Southern Dan Scheible, inside-outsit linebacker coach and strength coch The Wichita State game is unlike joined Southern last spring. Fro defensive line coach, has been al bend athletic trainer, has develop the athletic training program

> In the Central States Intercollege Conference pre-season poll of he coaches, Southern was picked in

"The pre-season poll is for public to perform well mak and every week. the poll, there is no validity in

> will be in the market place. It r back to how we handled the situati - we didn't handle them well."

> Frazier waste to improve athletes' study hall and strength; grams and build a strong junior vi ty program.



Coach Jim Frazier shouts encouragement to the offensive

Soccer

soccer is lifetime activity for German coach

few individuals can match the ford Dr. Hal Bodon, assistant profor of foreign languages and board ever coach of harman Southern. schieved in the miss of soccer durt his Melenni.

Bodon, who is originally from the ciof Stuttgart in Germany, has imposs ocer an important part of his life nce childhood. Among his talled leworthy accomplishments is the stanization of the soccer program at righam Young University in 1888.

hough he has the actively pardpated in a soccer guiss for some me, he has remained energetic in manizing and coaching for many

was born and reared in Germany wing World War II.

went to elementary and sense by salienes in Germany." he said "I d there nine years during the war be peers immediately following has of were the roughest meet, especially and '47."

adodon was active in soccer in these andy years. "That was all we played in ostmany," he said. "I've always liked in lides of team sports. I played soc-

cer on high school teams."

In 1952 has family immigrated in Germany to the Daised States.

"We lived in Salt Lake City, Lines. the first seven years," Bodon said Bodon marked the account program at Brigham Young University mad played for two years. He received a bachelor of sole degree in French and history frame the University of Lian in 1959.

When in I have he played for the S. E. Germania Soundi League in League helped arguments several leagues

Bodon then mexica to California where he worked on a manual's degree iss educational administration at California State University, Hayward While hving in California, he taught high school

"I taught some years at Newark High School in Newark, Cal, and two years In Brigham Young. At Newark I started coaching seems," he said.

lin the mid-60's, Bodon moved bath to Utah after completing his master's

Bodon joined the staff at Massacri Southern in 1971. ht 1972, he organized the soccer program.

where I grew up," he said. "I minry assignments." settings les are was to the stourns. We have man and English, also had studied beautiful farelities and an executors other languages. faculty."

with the segrensing of second at the Spanish, Russian, Italian, and Latin. maximum a level

"We started the program links in Joplin through the YMCA # 1973." Boolem sand "We started and with 28 players and saw have mer 1,000. Thus organization is now alliested say on mean will you write." with Boy's Club of Joplin

"I also organized that Greater Lauritis Soccer Remaindered form present ago," he said. "It was started he prosrade greater organization in less diving Wiss soccer program."

While at Southern, Hoden has Spanish-speaking people. Liber Licons Burney Branch MORSOUN

Chairman of teaching and coaching. Bodon is active in church. "Nives of morning line beed in the state," he said. my spare time is spent in church work. 'The mindenist programs from any ex-I see active with the Latter Day cellent. I can't see may aclibed with Saints (LDS) church," said Bodon. "It that many advantages."

"I enjoy living in Joplin because it keeps me busy on Sundays. Generally, is very similar to Southern Germany I propose talks and all other church

Bladup, sand is fluend in French, Ger-

"I can speak French, German, and Willie in Joplin, Branch has beyond English" he said "I've also studied The more you learn, the more you become aware of other languages."

He finds house to be the most challenging because "it is so unphonetic. You never write what work

Bodon and his wife have two sons. "Both of mur sons went his high school mud college here." he said. "Peter is in graduate school as the University of Utah and Mike is on mission for LDS men in Palm Springs with the

Bossess is named when the reputathrough nine assessment winning tion Southern's swood team has earned over the years. "We have an excellent schedule Out facilités une

reshman dominate roster

his year's Missouri Southern same hing mason under the direction of th Hal Bodiss Though like season he tough and the team is young. on is optimistic for a good season think the word that would best ries this year's lessell is young," on said. "We keem in freshmen and 23-player roster. We know we me k to make some rookie mistakes I we can stay away from itse ins, we will have a very street top layer roster," he said. "We are ng but inexperienced. If they can lass the pros. we won't have to Bodon's present and en-

lasm are strengths imin team has, desire and enthusiasm, and Little I are strong," he said. "We have relent cooperation imm players. I k it is your important i had players together hard had along, cially with such a young team. i-captains play an important role am organization, and Bodon feels pgth in this year's leaders.

Logen, Mike Bryson, and halima are the tri-captains," he They do the practices, handle ching seed warm-ups, and handle all leadership responsibilities. intercede between players and hes. They serve as my assistant hes."

idon sees that several players are ring promise has the upcoming

team will be striving for a 188h only two semiers. Logan and Rick Pearson.

"Then (man seniors are doing small, small home when Landsmoore Bryson was last year's lead of married married bears M. Asserte. He should do well."

Several sophomores and has less see also looking good in Bodon's opi-

Bodon feels this year the season has good passing and ball control. The question will be how long can we keep possession of the land. We have a good passing team," he said

This season includes 19 games, 12 at which are on the road. "This aspect I don't like. Games on the road are always tough," he said.

Big matches Mail maxim mails all of the NAIADistrict II grosses. "We sere interested in district playoffs." Box on saud. "Every one of the district is a Par one

Heales also sees that the guesses with the University M Missouri-Rolla and Harris-Stowe State College will be challenges for the team.

The Lions have also been invited is play in the Budweiser Classic at 1866 University of Missouri-St. Louis Dist.

"We have had nine winning seasons, and we are working on No. 10," said Bodon. "It will be tough because of inexperience and away games. I feel good. We have stayed away from injuries. The kids are enthusiastic. We 3-1 last year, 2-1 in 1981, 5 2 in 1980, are ready for a good season."



Dr. Hal Bodon

Old-timers return Saturday

The sixth assessed White and San term Alumni waster grame will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on the soccer field. Coach III Bodon's varsity squad will be seeking its sixth straight victory against the alumni, coached by Larry Cowger. The varsity prevailed 7-2 in 1979, and 11-1 in 1978.

Womack, one of the Lions' tri-captains is 1900 will be playing for the same. Former NAIA All-Manual George Major and Ron Behnen and former District 16 selections Rob Lonigro, Tim Behnen, Cary Maloney, Chuck Valentine, and Mike Edwards will also participate.

Soccer program obtains national recognition

Soccer at Missouri Southern has developed into a nationally recognized varsity sport in a relatively short period since its introduction in 1972 as a spring intramural league.

Dr. Harold Bodon, associate professor of foreign languages, organized that first year of intramurals and has been Southern's soccer coach www.

"I was hoping there would be some soccer in the area because I like to watch it," said Bodon concerning his decision to come to Missouri Southern. But he had an plans of starting a program at that time.

When he saw the soccer goals behind the college he thought, "for once I am go to a school where I don't have to start a program."

Upon inquiring about the goals he was informed by Mike Bogart, department chairman of physical education at that time, that the goals were only used for classes. This is when Dr. Bodon decided to organize soccer intramurals.

"We had four good teams and that provided the nucleus for our team that fall," said Bodon. Thus, in the fall of 1972, Missouri Southern supported a club team that finished the season with one win, nine losses, and three ties.

Three years later, the final year as a club sport, the team finished with 14 wins and two losses. And man the years Southern has compiled 192 wins, 63 losses, and 24 ties which boasts a 67 per cent plus winning percentage.

Throughout Southern's participation in soccer, the opponents have remained the summ. This shows the gradual ascent that Missouri Southern has made to a position of prominence in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics socces standings.

In the last six years Southern has been ranked in the NAIA's national top 20, reaching 10th position at one time.

"It took us five years," said

Bodon, "to make it to the NAIA District 16 playoffs. We have been in the top four or five every year since." Bodon went on to explain that there are now 12 schools in the District 16 area supporting soccer programs and only the top four teams participate in playoffs.

This is the eighth year Missouri Southern's soccer program has been at the varsity level and in the last seven years the team has been in those playoffs four times.

Two Southern players have been named All-American, and one of those received the honor twice. George Major was named in his junior and senior years for his play as goalie. Major was also selected to play for the West team in the East-West College All-Star game in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in 1980. He was one of only three NAIA players chosen for that game.

Ron Behnen was named All-American as a senior in 1979 for his defensive play.

Southern's soccer teams have produced 11 All-Midwest selections and 26 All-District picks.

Recruiting belped to build the soccer program, especially in the earlier years. "In 1973 and '74 I started contacting schools in St. Louis. St. Louis and Sedalia have always been good recruiting areas," explained Bodon.

"In 1974 Dennis and Aaron Johnson were recruited from Sedalia. Today they still hold first and second positions and Missouri Southern's all-time scoring list: Dennis with 41 goals and Aaron with 38."

Coach Bodon's first recruit was Mike Edwards from Vashon High School in St. Louis. He is on the all-time scoring leaders list in the fifth position with 31 goals.

"This year we have two recruits from Sedalia and one of our captains. Mike Bryson, is from Sedalia," said Bodon. Bryson currently stands ninth among all-time scoring leaders with 21 goals.

Although Bodon's only foreign recruit was Alberto Escobar from Colombia, several other foreign players have been on the team.

Escobar was recruited through Richard Finton, associate professor of communications. Finton met Alberto in Kansas City where he was coaching the Carson-Newman College tennis team in a national tournament.

Finton had signed a contract to teach at Missouri Southern and told Escobar about the soccer program. Finton wrote down Escobar's address and gave it to Bodon upon returning to Southern Eventually, Escobar came to Southern and now he is seventh among Southern's all-time segment.

Foreign players that were not recruited, but played soccer include: Wilson Ogunbode, from Nigeria, who is remembered for scoring three goals in the final game of Southern's first season which ended in a 3-3 tie with Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. Rob "Mouse" Ward, from Germany, whose nickname gave clue to his size, scored Southern's first two goals arm and led the team to a 2-2 tie against Southwest Missouri State University.

Scholarships have helped Bodon in recruiting also. The soccer team has three scholarships. Bodon said, "We try to divide them up to help as many players as we can."

"I think the Regents scholarship program has helped us a great deal," added Bodon. Five of the 23 players currently on the team roster are on Regents scholarships which can be held for four years if the athlete maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

Bodon feels that the Missouri Southern soccer program's no tional recognition can also be attributed to the fact that Southern has had input in policy making through his executive positions in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and the NAIA.



Goalie Rick Pierson relative the Lions' saccer camp week after visiting with a Hal Bodon. Pierson was a Southern squad last see but saw limited playing to Pierson figures to be starting goalie this)

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Volleyball

Teaching and coaching...

Lipira achieves goals at Souther

Teaching and coaching at the college level were two goals Pat Lipira has always wanted to reach. As head volleyball coach and physical education instructor at Missouri Southern, she is currently fulfilling her goals.

Lipira, who is beginning her third year at Southern, has always been sur rounded by athletics.

"When I was young, I was around sports year-round." she said "My big thing was baseball. My dail coached a team and my brother played. We were all interested in sports - it was coached volleyball and track at the always on the TV."

Lipira grew up in St. Joseph, Mo., While at Liberty, she knew she and attended high school there. wanted to teach at a higher level than Though school-sponsored women's athletic programs were nut established there, she participated in sports through other areas.

"They didn't have athletics for women, and I participated in interschool athletics." she said. "The women's athletic program started the

year after I left." Her hopes of teaching and coaching wanted to make myself available at were further stimulated by high

school physical education teachers she had.

"In high school, we were able to be assistants under the coaches. They gave my responsibilities that I felt I was very capable of doing. Through this I developed confidence in physical education," she said.

She received a bachelor's degree in physical education and mathematics from Northwest Missouri State University. She then went to Liberty. Mo., where she taught math and high school for two years.

high school. "I always knew in the back of my mind that I wanted to teach and coach at the college level." she said.

Lipira then went to Kansas State University where while serving as a graduate assistant, she earned master's degree in physical education.

"After getting my master's I

joined the coaching staff at Missouri Southern in the fall of 1981.

At Southern, her responsibilities include her original goals of teaching and coaching. "Here, I am head coach of volleyball and softball," she said. "I also do the recruiting and scheduling." Lipira also teaches fundamental majors courses and physical education.

Lipira gets gratification from teaching and coaching at Missouri Southern.

"I have a strong feeling about teaching and coaching. I'm glad I am at a small college where I can do both," she said. "I enjoy teaching. where you deal with 90 per cent of the students, and also coaching, where you deal with a small group of extremely talented athletes."

Lipira went on to stress that teaching and coaching are entirely different areas.

They are two entirely different challenges," she said. "With coaching,

the college level." Lipira said. She you are dealing with short terms maximum performance, skill and excelling. With teaching, you dealing with long-term object Here my goal becomes edeca students in life."

Lipira hopes to leave the people teaches and coaches with good ings of the importance of per-

fitness. "For my students, I hope to them with a notion of fitness, said. "Lifetime fitness is exim important. I hope the students to be active. With my athletes philosophy is for them to be said with their performance. I feel should reach their potential so satisfied."

Though she has reached her sonal goals, Lipira is somewhile terested in reaching higher ones

"This is the thing I've L' wanted - it's my goal, Now that here, I enjoy it and am happy. Is set a higher goal later for teaching coaching at bigger schools."

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ady Lions to spend majority of time on road

the Lady Lions are preparing for a schedule of games and tourents for the upcoming 1983

feel very confident that we can a good season," Lipira said. "The a looks mature and we've only lost player from last year."

pira, who is beginning her third as head coach, is seeing many ors excell this year that she inally coached as freshmen.

This year we have many juniors I saw as talented freshmen my first year. They are more mature," she said.

According to Lipira, "the key to our success this year are the setters."

This season's returning setters to watch are junior Lisa Cunningham and senior Joanna Swearengin.

"I also have high hopes for senior Nancy Jordon." Lipira said. "Several juniors will also supply us with good hitting."

This season, the Lady Lions will spend a majority of time on the road, but Lipira feels the team plays better out of town.

"We play better on the road. We play so few games here that we get nervous at home," Lipira said. "We get so accustomed to no one knowing us. As for the home-court advantage, there is none in volleyball."

Lipira feels the team has many strengths this season. "They've been playing together, and this is always a strength. Our setting, hitting, and offense are very strong this year," she said. "Our weakness is with defense."

Some of the tougher games of the

Missouri-St. Louis tournament, the Missouri Western State College tourney, and the Missouri Southern tourney Sept. 16-17.

"This season our weekends are packed with tournaments and conference games," she said. "The Southern tourney will be nice to see."

The Lady Lions will kick off the season with the Pittsburg State University tournament Sept. 9-10. The first home game will be Sept. 13 against School of the Ozarks.

Volleyball program serves many functions for women

Volleyball at Missouri Southern Legan in 1975 when several female hletes wanted a program and manus to Sallie Beard, director of women's athletics. Since then, the team has had no losing seasons and has twice placed third in District 18 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"There was a basic group of female athletes who wanted the program," said Beard. "They came to me and through the administration we started the program."

The program's role at Southern serves as an outlet for students who want to expand in areas outside the classroom.

"I think it is another means for students to expand in extra-curricular activities," said Beard. "In some instances it is a way of providing an education (through scholarships) for those young ladies who may have trouble financially. It is not in any way designed to take away from classes."

Gerry Albins, Ce Ce Chamberlin, and present coach Pat Lipira are the coaches who have led the Lady Lions through eight consecutive successful seasons. According to Beard, the coaches have helped in improving the program.

"Through each one of those coaches we waw our program develop," she said. "Each year we have seen an improvement in the quality of the players."

In Beard's view, the original team was also important in developing the program. "The first year we had several players who were basketball players. They took the volleyball program as a personal committment. They wanted to improve it," Beard said.

The Lady Lions were ranked nationally several times during last year's season.

"Each year has been a high water mark for us," said Beard. "We wure nationally ranked on and off during last year's mason. Last year's team is basically this year's team, so they should have a good season."

In the years to come Beard hopes the team will continue to improve consistently. "I hope to am a continuation of improvement. I think we have seen several years of balancing cocur in the conference," Beard explained. "When the conference was initiated, there was an imbalance in talent. The talent is becoming more equal. I hope Missouri Southern will be competing with the power house teams on a consistent basis in the future."

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Fun at practice

Tina Roberts, junior, shares a moment of humor with Nancy Jordan, senior, during a recent volleyball practice. The Lady Lions will soon begin their ninth season trying to keep intact their no-losing-season tradition.

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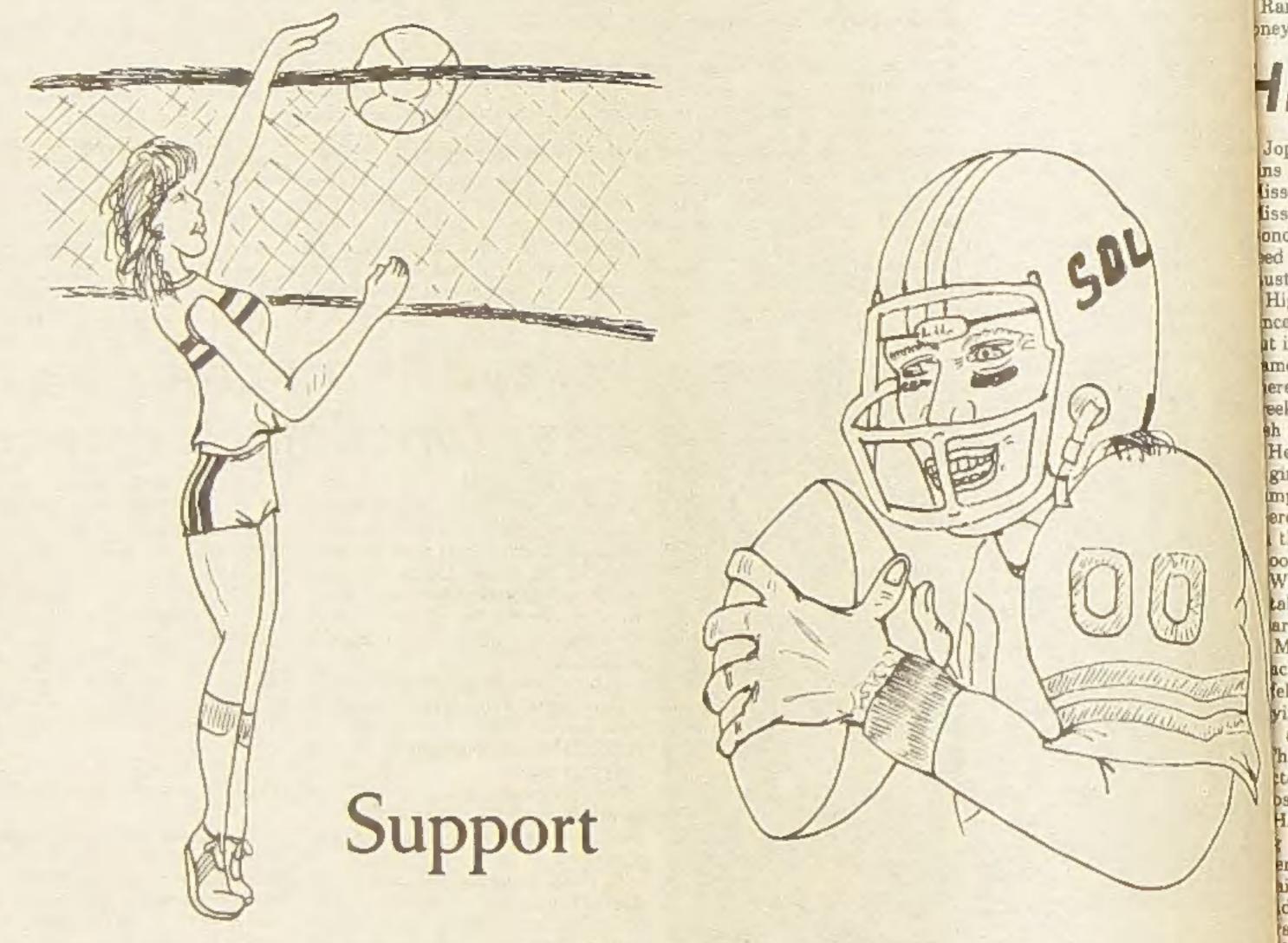
1983 Volleyball Schedule

Sep. 16-17 MSSC Tourney Drury/Evangel Sep. 21 CSIC Competition Sep.23-24 Pittsburg State Sep. 28 UMSL Tourcey Sep. 30-1 Southwest Baptist Oct. 4 CSIC Competition Oct. 7-8 UMKC/Rockhurst Oct. 13 MWSC Tourney Oct. 14-15 Pittsburg State Oct. 18 CSIC Competition Oct. 21-22 Central Methodist Oct. 25 William Woods CSIC Competition Oct. 28-29 Drury College Nov. 2 District 16 Tourney Nov. 4-5 BI-District Nov. 9-12

Nov 16-19

7:00 HOME TBA HOME 7:00 Springfield 7:30 St. Joseph 7:00 Pittaburg TBA St. Louis 7:00 Bolivas 7:30 Wayne 6:30 Hanson City TBA St. Joseph 7:00 HOME 7:30 Topeka 6:30 Fayette HOME

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